

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1-8. (Cancelled).

9. (Currently Amended) A method for forming a mark comprising the steps of:

forming a plating layers-layer on a base;

forming a mask on the surface of said plating layers-layer;

providing a concave portion or a concavo-convex portions-portion on the surface of the base said plating layers by laser marking which penetrates the mask;

applying a color thereto with ink or paint; and

removing the mask;

whereby wherein a colored mark is obtained without bleeding overreaching of ink or paint.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for forming a mark according to claim 9, wherein metal such as aluminum, stainless steel, nickel or silver, resin such as vinyl chloride resin, polyester or acrylic resin, paper such as Japanese paper or western paper, or other material which can form a mask which laser processing penetrates so as to provide a concave portion or concavo-convex portions on the plating layers is used as the material of the mask, and the mask is obtained by forming the mask material into a film like shape, applying adhesive such as acrylic resin or epoxy thereto, and forming into a sheet like or tape like shape having a thickness of around 0.01 to 0.1 mm. wherein the mask is formed by one of metal, resin, and paper, wherein the metal

comprises one or more of aluminum, stainless steel, nickel, and silver, wherein the resin
comprises one or more of vinyl chloride resin, polyester resin, and acrylic resin, and wherein the
paper comprises one or more of Japanese paper and western paper.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for forming a mark according to claim 10, wherein ~~resist ink or paint which is soluble with respect to an aqueous or alkali solution is used in the case where the mask material is made of the resin, and wherein the ink or paint is soluable with respect to an aqucous or alkali solution.~~

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12. (Cancelled).

13. (Currently Amended) A method for forming a mark according to claim 9, wherein pouring of the ink or paint, printing of the same shape as the concave portion or concavo-convex ~~portions~~portion, brush painting or solid printing is selected as the coloring method depending on the depth of the concave portion or concavo-convex ~~portions~~portion.

14. (Currently Amended) A faucet product in which a mark having a desired letter or picture is formed by a method according to claim ~~4~~9.